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SUBJECT:INVITATION FOR COMMITTEE OF 24 TO VISIT GUAM

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM TO OUR LETTER OF MARCH 1. OUR LETTER RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM INVITE THE COMMITTEE OF 24 TO DISPATCH A VISITING MISSION TO GUAM DURING 1978. THE GOVERNOR HAS EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT A VISITING MISSION TO GUAM DURING THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION PERIOD COULD BE SUBJECT TO MIS-INTERPRETATION AND HAVE AN UNDUE INFLUENCE IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS. HE PREFERS THAT A VISIT BE CONSIDERED FOR 1979.

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2. ERIC SVENDSEN, WHO WILL REPLACE DAVID SCHIELE IN IO/UNP, WILL BE IN GUAM ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FROM MAY 7-10 AND WILL SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE GOVERNOR. SVENDSEN WILL SAY THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNOR'S POINT OF VIEW, BUT THAT WE HOPE THE GOVERNOR WILL RECONSIDER AND INVITE A VISITING MISSION THIS YEAR. SVENDSEN WILL EXPLAIN THAT WE ARE

PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING THE COMMITTEE VIEW
THE VOTING ON THE CONSTITUTION IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN

GET A VISITING MISSION REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE
CONSTITUTION WAS FREELY ADOPTED IN FAIR ELECTION, AND
THAT IT IN FACT REPRESENTS THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE
OF GUAM. SVENDSEN WILL EXPLAIN THAT WE ATTACH
PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THIS SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
THE UNITED STATES WILL MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT GUAM
HAS ACHIEVED FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE MEANING
OF THE CHARTER AND THAT THE FURTHER TRANSMISSION OF
INFORMATION UNDER ARTICLE 73 IS INAPPROPRIATE. SHOULD
SUCH A DETERMINATION BE MADE IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT
WE HAVE A FAVORABLE VISITING MISSION REPORT ON RECORD
IF WE ARE TO HAVE A CHANCE OF AVOIDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ACTION DECLARING THAT GUAM CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT TO
THE ARTICLE 73 REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND THAT THE
UNITED STATES IS IN VIOLATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER
THE UN CHARTER. IF THE GOVERNOR REAFFIRMS HIS VIEW
THAT A VISITING MISSION SHOULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL
1979, SVENDSEN WILL INFORM HIM THAT WE WILL DEFER TO
HIS VIEW, AND THAT, UNLESS HE OBJECTS, WE INTEND TO
TRANSMIT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON THE SUBJECT TO
THE COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR ITS INFORMATION.

CHRISTOPHER
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